

## WAGON MEN UNITE TO FIGHT RULING

Order for Lights Becomes  
Effective at Midnight.

### ANOTHER HEARING IS ASKED

Principal Delivery Companies of  
District Will Contest Cases in Po-  
lice Court Unless Commissioners  
Set Aside Regulation Which Is  
Claimed to Be Uncalled For.

Declaring that the edict of Commissioner Rudolph placing the new vehicle lighting regulation into effect at midnight to-night is not only uncalled for, but unjust in that it is certain to cripple the delivery forces of the city, owners and managers of transfer and express companies yesterday rose up in arms.

Following the announcement that the order had been issued by Commissioner Rudolph, representatives of several of the larger companies held a conference which resulted in unanimous decision to fight the matter in Police Court if their request for a further hearing upon the regulation is not granted.

Rushed by the unusual demands of the holiday season, the delivery men declare that they have had no opportunity to equip their wagons and trucks with any sort of lights, and that it will be impossible to comply with the regulation for some time. A request has been forwarded to the individual Commissioners and also to the board by three of the largest companies in Washington, but no reply has been given the communication.

#### Action Expected To-day.

If the Commissioners intend to take any action on the requests of the delivery men, it will have to come to-day. Commissioner Johnston is in New York, and Commissioner Rudolph, acting head of the board, issued no statement yesterday as to the probable course of the board.

Although practically all the business men using delivery wagons have united to oppose the new regulation, the firms of Littlefield, Alvord & Co., the George W. Knox Express Company, and the Merchants' Transfer and Storage Company have been most active in the fight. Each firm has petitioned the Commissioners for a rehearing on the regulation, and pending a decision of the conference, have asked the nonenforcement of the rule for thirty days.

The Commissioners take the stand that the regulation was promulgated under section 10 of the act of Congress, which gives them power to "regulate the movements of vehicles on the public streets and avenues for the preservation of order and protection of life and limb." To justify their action, a request was made of Hack Inspector Dawson to compile a list of accidents which have occurred through absence of lights on horse-drawn vehicles.

#### Summary of Accidents.

Mr. Dawson's report stated that from November, 1909, to October 31, 1910, there were between the hours of 5:30 p. m. and 1 a. m., 33 accidents. Of these 29 were between automobiles and horse-drawn vehicles and four between horse-drawn vehicles. As a result of the accidents, three persons were injured sufficiently to require hospital treatment, and two horses were killed.

Commenting upon the report, the transfer owners and managers declare that in itself shows the uselessness of the regulation. They point out that in the collisions between horse-drawn vehicles there were no injuries to man or beast, and that in the other division, two of the three accidents were injuries resulted occurred on the Speedway, and could properly be laid to joy riders in autos. The following statements were made:

The demand of the Commissioners is unreasonable. My firm has 300 wagons, most of them constantly in use. To make the necessary changes to comply with the regulation will take us at least a month. If the ordinance is enforced Monday we will have 300 drivers in the Police Court—E. S. Alvord, of Littlefield, Alvord & Co.

We have been unable to equip our wagons with lamps on account of the Christmas rush. We have asked the Commissioners to give us a month to prepare ourselves. If our request is not granted, I suppose we will have to fight it out in the Police Court—W. S. Knox, of the George W. Knox Express Company.

#### GREENE IS NOBLE GRAND.

Central Lodge, I. O. O. F., Holds  
Election and Smoker.

Central Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., held its semi-annual election of officers, which was followed by a luncheon and smoker, at Odd Fellows' Hall, last night. J. E. Sullivan, of Blackwater, Mo., made a short address.

The officers elected for the ensuing term are as follows: Elwyn Greene, noble grand; V. Hammer, vice grand; W. G. Phillips, recording secretary; L. P. Humphrey, financial secretary; W. H. Ernest, treasurer; Elwyn Greene, W. G. Phillips, Thomas Sergeant, Oscar Dummer, and W. H. Ernest, representatives to the Grand Lodge.

#### SCIENCE BODY TO MEET HERE.

Chamber of Commerce Secures Im-  
portant 1911 Convention.

Accepting the invitation extended by the Washington Chamber of Commerce, the American Society for the Advancement of Science has selected Washington as their convention city for 1911. A telegram conveying the news was received late last night by Granville Hunt, chairman of the conventions committee of the Chamber, from L. O. Howard, chief of the Bureau of Entomology, who is in attendance at the convention now in session.

About 500 delegates from universities and scientific organizations throughout the country will be brought to Washington by the 1911 convention. The association is now in session in Minneapolis, and will meet here about the same time next year. Prof. Howard is one of the most prominent members of the association, and yesterday delivered an address upon some aspects of the work done by his bureau and by the Department of Agriculture.

#### Pythian Sisters Initiate.

Rathbone Temple, No. 8, Pythian Sisters, initiated several candidates at its regular meeting held at Pythian Temple last night. Most Excellent Chief Mrs. Margaret Jacobson presided, and Mrs. Martha Jarboe had charge of the initiation work.

#### Dr. Harmon at Johns Hopkins.

Dr. George Harmon, medical director of the Naval Medical School Hospital, was taken to Baltimore Thursday, where he is a patient at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

In its efforts to become a city beautiful Bureau Agnes has planted more than 125,000 trees in the last year.

### FAIR BUT COLDER TO-DAY.

New Year in Washington to Be  
ushered in Under Clear Skies.

Prof. Moore, of the Weather Bureau, promises us that to-day, the last of 1910, will be fair but colder.

Washington tasted its usual share of freakish weather yesterday when the thermometer rose as high as 54 degrees at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to drop to 31 degrees at 10 o'clock, with every indication that it would drop still further with each hour.

There was a stiff, sharp wind blowing all night, which made it seem much colder than it really was. Weather reports indicate that the Western depression will move eastward, attended by snows over the Northern, and snows and rains in the central district, with probably both in the Middle Atlantic States. Storm warnings are likewise displayed on the Atlantic coast.

## MURDERS FAMILY AND SHOTS SELF

Baltimore Man Slays Wife  
and Stepdaughter.

### HIS WOUNDS MAY BE FATAL

As a Climax to Series of Domestic  
Quarrels, William Strickler Draws  
Gun and Instantly Kills Spouse  
and Daughter—Shoots Himself in  
Head and May Die as Result.

Baltimore, Dec. 30.—As the climax to a series of bitter quarrels, growing out of domestic difficulties, William T. Strickler, thirty-seven years old, this afternoon killed his wife, Flora Strickler, and his stepdaughter, Eula Kite, aged nineteen, and then turned his revolver on himself. He is in St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering from a bullet wound in the temple and it is probable he will die.

Strickler had been drinking and brought home with him several bottles of beer and whiskey. Between drinks he upbraided his wife, declaring she did not love him as she should. When she made no answer, he cursed her, and her daughter attempted to interfere. This seemed to infuriate him more.

"If you women don't shut up and let me alone, you'll be dead before night," he snarled, and continued to drink his beer.

#### Pulls Gun from Coat.

Nothing more was said for a short time and the silence seemed to anger him more than the quarrelling. Then, after taking a drink from the whiskey bottle which he also had, he suddenly jumped from his chair, and, pulling a revolver from his coat pocket, began fired.

He was not more than ten feet from his wife and even closer to his stepdaughter. She had turned her head as she saw the revolver, and the first and only bullet which she received plowed its way to her brain, entering her head just under the right ear.

Then the man turned the revolver on his wife and fired three times. Two of the bullets entered the woman's body, either of which would have been fatal, and she, too, dropped never to move again. Then he turned the weapon on himself and shot himself in the temple.

#### Came from Virginia.

Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 30.—Mrs. William Strickler, formerly Mrs. Kite, and daughter, Eula, who were murdered to-day in Baltimore, came from Page County, and worked here about a year as dressmaker and left for Baltimore in March.

### OBITUARY.

#### Clarence Lexow.

New York, Dec. 30.—Former State Senator Clarence Lexow, who was chairman of the famous Lexow investigating committee, died to-day at his home at Nyack, N. Y. He had been ill with pneumonia since Monday. He was fifty-eight years old and was born in Brooklyn.

The senate investigating committee which bore Mr. Lexow's name came into existence on January 24, 1894. Senator Lexow was the chairman. The other members were Senators O'Connor, Robertson, Pound, Saxton, Carter, and Bradley. Preceding the passing of the resolution establishing the committee, the Society for the Prevention of Crime, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, had investigated criminal conditions in the city and had revealed a condition which aroused a public demand for a more complete investigation, particularly with reference to the connection between the police department and those engaged in gambling and vice.

The committee met in New York in February and continued its sessions until December 1. Sixty-seven men connected with the police department were accused of crime, including two commissioners, two ex-commissioners, three inspectors, one ex-inspector, twenty captains, and two ex-captains. When it came to the legal prosecution of the men accused it was a different matter, but as a result of the charges the police department received a thorough shaking up. The disclosures were a contributory cause of the election of William L. Strong as mayor, while John W. Goff, one of the counsel for the committee, became judge of the Court of General Sessions.

Mr. Lexow was a member of the law firm of Lexow, Mackellar & Wells, at 42 Cedar street. He was an officer in many companies.

#### David G. Carlisle.

Rockville, Md., Dec. 30.—David G. Carlisle, one of Montgomery County's best known citizens, died last night at his home in Gaithersburg, aged seventy-two years. He had been ill a long while of a complication of troubles and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by his wife, who was, before her marriage, a Miss Connelly, of this county, and a son, Alexander G. Carlisle, of Gaithersburg. The funeral will take place at 11 o'clock Sunday morning from Grace Southern Methodist Church, Gaithersburg.

#### Horace Mack.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Horace Mack, for twenty-eight years an assistant to the treasurer of Cornell University, and one of Ithaca's oldest residents, dropped dead this morning on the university campus opposite Sage College Annex. He was seventy-seven years of age. He had lived in this city for seventy-four years. Mr. Mack contributed poems to leading magazines.

#### Dr. Horace S. Fuller.

Hartford, Dec. 30.—Dr. Horace S. Fuller, the famous blind medical examiner of Hartford, died suddenly of heart failure in a shoe store here this afternoon. Dr. Fuller, who was recognized as an authority in his profession, had been totally blind for many years, but so efficiently did he perform the duties of his office that it was never suggested that he should have a successor during his life time.

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## 300 ARE MADE HAPPY

Salvation Army in Role of  
Kris Kringle.

### DISPENSES TOYS AND CANDY

Large Assembly Hall in Pennsylvania Avenue Containing Three  
Christmas Trees Laden with Good  
Things Is Packed with Children  
Who Enjoy Musical Programme.

Three hundred children who didn't have any Christmas at all last Sunday were made happy with toys, fruits, and candies from the hands of Santa Claus himself last night at the Christmas entertainment given at the Salvation Army headquarters.

Shortly before 8 o'clock the large assembly hall was packed with tired mothers and eager, expectant children of all ages and sizes. Three Christmas trees were laden down with good things, but before Santa Claus made his rounds the children were treated to a musical entertainment. Sergt. Maj. David De Laing greeted the children and welcomed all with a happy New Year. The entertainment itself was in charge of Adjt. Louis M. Frazier, who was assisted by Ensign Charles Darlington as Santa Claus, Capt. C. Mayers, and Ensign Ida Hiatt.

The following programme was given: Recitation, Miss Margaret Decker; action song, Miss Sadie Jones and Miss Stella Carter; recitation, Miss Lola Anderson; song, Sadie Jones. Owing to the lateness of the hour, it was necessary to leave out several numbers of the original programme.

#### Bible Class a Feature.

A feature of the entertainment was the "Bible class" held by Adjt. Brazier, who asked the little tots questions relative to the life of Christ, which proved a great success.

In selecting the children to whom presents were given, for all the little ones were invited guests, Adjt. Brazier picked out the ones who were not so fortunate as some of their neighbors. Each little tot received a toy or book of some sort from the hands of Santa Claus, and upon leaving the door was handed an apple and a box of candy. After the entertainment there were some apples and toys left over and a number of pickaninies were called in from the street and each given something.

Adjt. Brazier told of many pitiful cases in the city where children went without any Christmas at all, especially one case of a widow with six children, who only got one "plaything" between them, and that was a set of dishes.

Services will be held to-day, and to-

night an old-fashioned night watch will be kept, to ring in the new year.

To-morrow services will be held in the morning, afternoon, and evening, under the direction of Adjt. Brazier, assisted by Ensign Ida Hiatt and Capt. C. Mayers.

At 3:45 in the afternoon a special children's meeting will be held.

During Christmas week more than 2,000 meals were taken to various families, and yesterday baskets of toys and dolls were distributed at many homes.

### "MAD" FINANCIER

TRIES TO END LIFE

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To-night whether Robin had taken hyoscyamine, or hyoscin, but that did not make a great deal of difference. Dr. Flint, who was present through the excitement, said that Robin told him that he had consumed the twelve tablets before he left his sister's house to come down town to court his fiancée. He said that his nurse left him alone in the bedroom for a few moments, and that he opened the drawer of a table beside his bed, took the box of tablets, and swallowed the contents. It required about three-quarters of an hour before they worked.

#### Took Powerful Stimulant.

Hyoscin is a powerful stimulant, which was supposed to have been used by Dr. Crippen in the killing of Belle Elmore.

The excitement following the news of the alleged mad man's suicidal attempt threw the Criminal Courts Building into an uproar. Every one had expected that Robin, following the reports of Dr. Flint and Dr. Nabon to Assistant District Attorney Nott, declaring him well enough to plead to the indictment of grand larceny, would be released in \$25,000 bail and would then be sent back to his sister's house until further notice.

His attempt at suicide ended the day in court, and shortly before 5 o'clock Robin left in the ambulance. Dr. George Lyman, an alienist from the hospital, rode in the ambulance, and saw to it that the prisoner got to the prison ward all right.

#### Kennedy Estate Is \$450,000,000.

New York, Dec. 30.—The total value of the estate of John Stewart Kennedy, the banker, who died on October 31, 1909, has been appraised by Transfer Tax Appraiser Headley M. Greene at \$450,000,000. Deducting \$2,485,321.09 for the administration expenses and commissions of the executors, including about \$20,000 of debts left by the decedent, the net value of the estate is \$43,514,678.91.

#### Killed in Elevator Accident.

New York, Dec. 30.—One man was killed and another was mortally hurt to-night when an elevator, in which three passengers had just been carried to the fifth floor of the Huntington Apartment, at 218 West 112th street, shot to the basement, shattering itself against a steel bumper. The man who was killed was Henry Alexander Jones, of 44 West Fifty-second street.

California has concrete oil reservoirs.

### WILL NOT TRY POLICEMAN.

Officials Deny Kleindienst Will Be  
Before Trial Board.

Police officials last night denied that there was any truth in the published report that they were investigating the case of Camille Lumbardy, who was acquitted in Police Court after being arrested by Police S. B. Kleindienst, of the Fourth precinct, on a charge of disorderly conduct.

"The police trial board has enough bona fide cases to consider without going out looking for trouble," said one of the members of the official staff last night. "We cannot investigate every case where a man is acquitted in Police Court, and we are not expected to."

The report grew out of the supposition that inasmuch as the young man arrested was acquitted, charges would be preferred against the officer responsible for his appearance in court. Lumbardy was arrested by Kleindienst as a masher, but secured his release on the plea that the girl he was waiting for was his fiancée.

## UTILITIES COMPANY HAS VAST CAPITAL

### 'Frisco Concern Chartered for \$200,000,000.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 30.—The United Properties Company of California, with capitalization of \$200,000,000, was chartered at Dover, Del., to-night. It was organized for the purpose of effecting a merger of all the public utilities companies of Oakland and Berkeley, Cal., including the ferry line that connects those places with San Francisco. The charter was secured by the Delaware Trust Company of Wilmington, at the direction of Christian E. Zabriskie, of 100 William street, New York. It is the largest concern ever organized under the Delaware incorporation laws.

The directors are from New York, San Francisco, and Oakland. They are F. W. Smith, W. S. Levis, R. G. Hanford, Gavin McNab, C. W. Seabriske, W. R. Alberger, and Dennis Searles. Harry W. Davis is the necessary resident Delaware director.

The purposes, as set forth in the charter, cover the equipment, construction, and operation of railroads, steamship lines, electric light, power and traction lines, water for domestic purposes and irrigation, building and operating wharves, docks, and warehouses.

The operating offices will be in San Francisco and Oakland. Mr. Seabriske was compelled to go from Wilmington to Dover to-night in an automobile a round trip of 100 miles, to get the charter from Secretary of State Smithers. The fee paid the State is \$10.00.

#### Largest Morning Circulation.

## LINK STEFFENS IN ROLE OF MUCK-RAKER AT HOME

Evades the Subject When Fellow-citizens Gather  
in Town Hall of Greenwich, Conn.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 30.—As Billy Rich, the chief of police of Greenwich, put it, it came like a blow from an unwrapped wet weakish in the face when Link Steffens stood up at the annual banquet of the Commonwealth Club, New Britain, Conn., three weeks ago, and said this about his own home village of Greenwich, Conn.:

"Greenwich is as corrupt as any city in the United States."

Link Steffens is the well-known muck-raker. He prefers to be known, however, as Lincoln Steffens, magazine writer and publicist, and when the magazine writer and publicist went to the extreme of making remarks at this Commonwealth Club dinner at New Britain about his own Greenwich town, the township arose from end to end.

"Just for that, Link," said Greenwich, "you come to the town hall, Greenwich, on the night of Friday, December 30, and get heckled. Make good your charges and we shall appoint a chairman, and one by one various speakers will arise and repudiate you."

So to-night Steffens appeared before a crowded house.

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And so it went till Link finished his speech, which lasted from 8 o'clock until at 11:30 train was almost due. He asked the crowded hall to vote for or against the motion, "Resolved, That Greenwich is the most corrupt town in the United States."

There was a pause of many moments.

Col. E. H. Baker finally got up and said that he was one of a crowd not yet ready to vote on any such motion. The colonel said that he was not yet ready to go to this extreme. The colonel thought that Link should have told the audience what was wrong with Greenwich rather than devote hours to the corruption of cities lying between Eastport, Me., and Portland, Ore. The general impression gathered was that although some favored Link and some did not, the whole question still remained up in the air.

### - KAISER GETS STRENUOUS.

Wilhelm Sees Son in Bout at Royal  
Palace.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Kaiser Wilhelm has increased the points of resemblance between himself and Theodore Roosevelt by suddenly figuring as a patron of the sport of boxing. Oscar, one of the Emperor's sons, has been practicing the marly art in a sporting academy. The young man prevailed on his father to attend a stiff bout to-day in the royal castle, where he and his trainer exchanged punches and jabs in the most approved style in the presence of the royal family.

The discovery that the Kaiser is not averse to boxing within the palace, where sport has hitherto been frowned on, is a surprise to Berlin.

### COVENANT LODGE MEETING.

Semi-annual Election Held at Hall  
in Georgetown.

Covenant Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., held its semi-annual election of officers in Odd Fellows' Hall, Georgetown, Thursday night.

The officers elected for the ensuing term were: James H. Ruth, noble grand; Henry Ehrlich, vice grand; A. J. S. Dixon, recording secretary; John W. Arnett, financial secretary; W. C. Lane, treasurer; W. C. Barr, W. E. Clapp, J. J. Cherry, J. M. Pruett, A. J. S. Dixon, Henry Weber, E. W. Burdette, H. W. Selah, and Charles W. Sherier, representatives to the Grand Lodge.

#### Peru and Ecuador to Clash.

London, Dec. 31.—The Lima correspondent of the Times says the Peruvian authorities are convinced that Ecuador will not accept the advice of the mediating powers to submit the boundary dispute to The Hague tribunal, and that the result will be a war. The newspapers are urging the government to prepare for hostilities.

W. A. Clark's New York residence cost \$7,000,000.